

WILLARD CATT ESCAPES
AMID A RAIN OF BULLETS,
BUT IS BADLY WOUNDED

Leader of the Gladish Chapel Gang of Criminals Is Arrested, but Regains Liberty.

IS TAKEN BY SURPRISE

But Later Takes the Marshal by Surprise, Says Good-Bye and Hides in Woods.

PIKE COUNTY SENSATION

Twelve Men and Boys Concerned in the Crime—Mrs. Dedman Critically Ill.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 24.—Willard Catt, leader of the gang of twelve men and boys who committed the crime at Gladish Chapel, of which Mrs. Lafa Dedman was the victim, is hiding somewhere in the woods with a bullet in his body. He was wounded to-day by Marshal Jesse Watson while making a sensational dash for liberty after having been surprised and captured.

Nothing more dramatic than the capture and escape of Willard Catt has ever occurred in this vicinity. After being hunted down, surprised, arrested and given a hearing, at which his bond was fixed, he turned the tables on the marshal and escaped amid a shower of bullets, one of which took effect. How badly Catt is wounded is not known, but it is believed he was forced to rest in the woods to-night and that he will be recaptured in the morning.

Willard Catt, for whom a warrant was issued, was located at the home of Peter Gladish, a farmer living six miles west of Petersburg. The authorities here were immediately notified and left for the Gladish home with the warrant for Catt's arrest. He was taken by surprise and yielded to arrest. Marshal Watson brought him here, where a preliminary trial was held, and Catt was placed under a \$500 bond.

LEAPED AND RAN.

Marshal Watson, in company with Catt, went to the home of Hoke Smith, living in the west part of the city, to get Smith to go on the prisoner's bond. Mr. Smith refused, and then, as the marshal and his prisoner were leaving, with one mightily leap, Catt made a dash for liberty. He was twenty feet away before the marshal had time to start in pursuit, but drawing his revolver he ordered Catt to halt. Catt only ran the faster, and with a "good-bye" to the marshal, he darted around the corner of the house and the race began.

The marshal emptied his revolver at the fugitive, who had managed to get off his overcoat and was rapidly leaving the marshal far in the rear. Catt ran toward the woods west of town, but was seen to fail. As the officer approached him he jumped to his feet and started to run again. Watson fired four more shots at him and pursued him some distance, when he struck his leg against a stump and could go no farther. Deputy Marshal Young took up the chase, however, and trailed Catt about five miles. Spots of blood were found along the trail, and it is believed Catt was badly wounded and that he will soon be retaken.

The indignation of the citizens runs high, but they are determined to let the law take its course. The Sumner and Snyder boys who are implicated in the crime, and who ran away to Illinois but were brought back here by the latter's father, Saturday night, are held by many of the citizens to be blameless of wrongdoing. However, they may suffer for keeping bad company. Several more warrants have been sworn out and a number of more arrests will be made.

CATT MAY FIGHT.

Catt, the ringleader of the gang, is a dangerous man, and it is feared that unless he is again taken by surprise the authorities will have trouble before he is captured.

Mrs. Dedman is in a serious condition. It was learned to-day that twelve boys and men, whose ages range from fourteen to thirty-five years, participated in the crime. Some of the men are married and have children. It also was learned to-day that Lafa Dedman and his wife were traveling about the country and staying at night wherever they could find shelter. It was late on Thursday when they slipped into Gladish Chapel with the determination to spend the night there. Some men and boys saw them go into the chapel and planned the crime of which they were charged. They waited until about 9 o'clock, then pushed in the doors of the church and committed the deed.

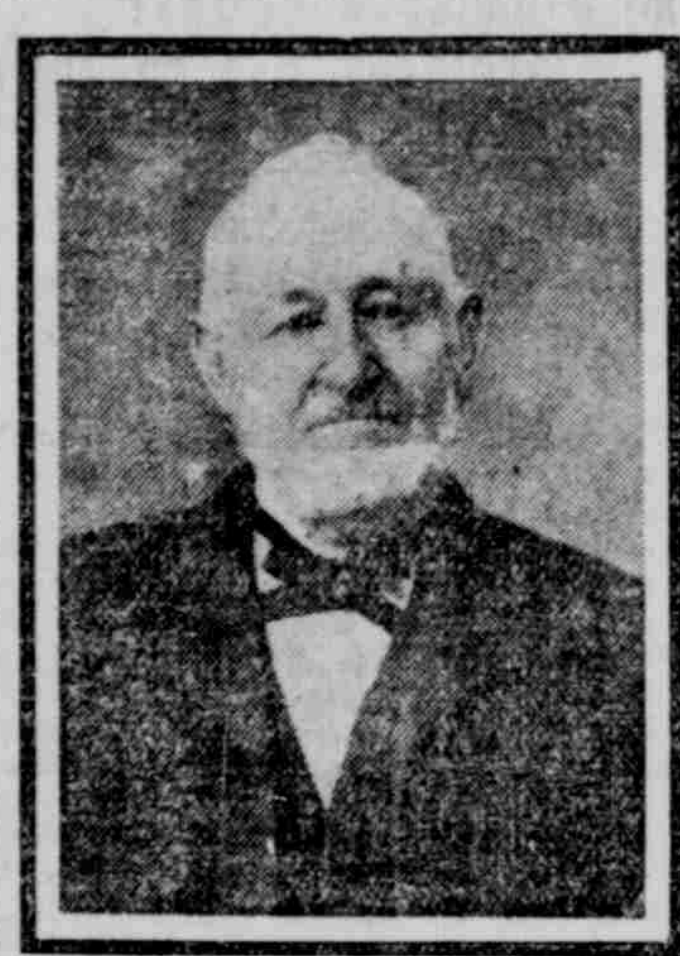
The woman screamed for mercy, and Leslie Gladish and two farmers living near the chapel heard her cries and hurried to the church, but were held at bay by the gang.

FORCED WITH PISTOL
TO BET ON A FIGHT

Victim Caused the Arrest of Nine Men on Charge of Grand Larceny.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—Samuel E. Williamson, of St. Charles, bet \$2,000 on a prize fight that was held in a chamber at Clinton last night and lost his money by the decision of the referee. He decided to-day that he had been swindled by a "put-up" fight, and to-night he caused the arrest of W. R. Smith and warrants to be issued for eight others on the charge of grand larceny.

Williamson claims that he was requested to act as a betting commissioner and that after he had acted in the capacity for a time he was asked to make a \$2,000 bet himself. He refused, but was told that he had the amount in his pocket and that he was forced at the muzzle of a revolver to bet on the fight. He lost \$2,000 and was returned to him to secure his silence.



WILLIAM DOUGLASS.

INDIANA HAS BUT ONE
REAL SON OF REVOLUTION

Wm. Douglass, Aged 88, Whose Father Served Under Washington and in the War of 1812.

LONG LIFE IN INDIANA

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Jan. 24.—Indiana's only surviving son of the American revolution is William Douglass, aged eighty-eight years, a resident of Logansport. He is also the oldest resident of Cass county, one of the oldest residents of the State, and the only living person who once owned and operated a boat on the Wabash & Erie canal.

The Douglass family is of Scotch descent, its ancestors having emigrated to America in the eighteenth century, locating in Pennsylvania. During the revolution David Douglass, father of William, served as ensign in the continental army, and in 1812 he served as captain in the American army during the Indian wars in the States.

William Douglass is a child of the second wife of David Douglass, the first wife having borne seven children and the second eight. Of the fifteen children he is the only one living, his sister, Mrs. Amy Dunkle, of this city, having died recently. He was born on Aug. 4, 1815, in Miami county, Ohio, and in 1832 removed to Logansport with a brother, making this city his home almost continuously ever since. For many years he was employed in agricultural and forest pursuits, but in 1850 built a boat and launched it in the Wabash & Erie canal, and for seven years operated it there.

Later he acted as agent for a Detroit fur house, taking Indiana as his territory, and during the twenty-one years he acted in this capacity it is said he purchased more furs in the State than any other man. Eventually he engaged in the implement business in this city, retiring from active business pursuits only a few years ago.

CLAIM FOR ALASKAN
GOLD FILED IN COURT

Three Suits for \$530,000 to Recover Possession to Certain Gold Mines.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Three suits for a total of \$530,000 have been filed in the Circuit Court against P. H. Anderson, of this city. Nels O. Hultberg, a plaintiff in one of the suits, seeks to recover \$500,000, while Dora Adams and Hannah Hultberg ask for \$150,000 each.

Back of the suits, according to the defendant, is a story which had its beginning in the Alaskan gold fields in 1898. When the United States took possession of Alaska, Nels O. Hultberg was one of the first to arrive in Nome, and after prospecting for some time he struck gold in sufficient quantities to warrant working it, and returned to Nome to file papers with the land agent. He was delayed for some time in reaching Nome, and when he did apply at the government office he learned that Anderson had already filed his claim.

CHOPPED SISTER'S
HEAD OFF ON BLOCK

Isaac Hall, Suffering from Religious Mania, Cruelly Murdered Woman.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Miss Hannah Hall, thirty years old, was murdered to-day at her home in Vanburen, by her brother, Isaac Hall, who is thirty-three years old, declares that he obeyed a divine being when he killed his sister. He attacked her while she was asleep, first shooting her. Then dragging the wounded woman through the house, he cut her throat and finally placed her neck across a chopping block and completely severed the head from the body. Hall and his sister lived alone, both parents being dead. Until this time Hall was considered a model farmer and his sister was a great favorite. Hall is religiously inclined and there is no doubt that he suddenly became insane.

COTTON BOLL WEEVIL.

Appropriation of \$250,000 to Investigate Pest in South.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The secretary of agriculture has approved the plans for the southwest, for which a special appropriation of \$250,000 has been made available.

Secretary Wilson believes that the best methods for meeting the ravages caused by the boll weevil will be to put into actual practice the facts which have been accumulated by the department during the past two years in the matter of improving cultural conditions of the cotton, substitution of other crops, etc.

DUNTON CONVICTED.

Evidence of Shooting Myer in the Back Against Him.

SEDALIA, Mo., Jan. 24.—Frank G. Dunton, who killed Emil Myer in this city two months ago for the betrayal and desertion of Dunton's daughter, was convicted of murder to-day. The verdict fixing his punishment at twenty-eight years in the penitentiary. The evidence showed that Myer was shot in the back, and on this ground the verdict was given.

JAPAN'S MINISTER OF
FINANCE IS TO ISSUE
LARGE DOMESTIC LOAN

Hundred Million Yen (\$49,800,000) to Be Taken by Leading Bankers of the Empire.

CLASH ON THE RAILWAY

Russians Lose Three Killed in Engagement with Chinese Marauders in Manchuria.

BAD NEWS IS PLENTIFUL

Russia, However, Continues Optimistic Concerning a Settlement with Japan.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—No news from the far East was received at the Japanese legation here yesterday.

Special dispatches from Tokyo, published this morning, report that the Japanese minister of finance has had a conference with the leading Japanese bankers and has decided to issue a loan of 100,000,000 yen (\$49,800,000).

The Japanese newspapers assert that at the new year reception the czar reminded Minister Kurino that the Japanese ought to remember that Russia is a great power. The Daily Telegraph says it learns from a Russian correspondent that Viceroy Alexieff recently advised the mobilization of the Siberian troops. Minister of War Kuropatkin dissented, but the czar, after considering the matter, concurred with Viceroy Alexieff and the necessary orders were issued.

The Che-Foo correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that an engagement has occurred on the Manchurian railroad between Russian troops and Chinese marauders, in which three Russians were killed.

The Russian government, the correspondent says, has placed an embargo upon all horses at Port Arthur, and has forbidden the sale of provisions without the consent of the authorities. Troops are pouring into Port Arthur from the north and the entire garrison has been employed in maneuvers.

Viceroy Alexieff is suffering from angina pectoris and was unable to attend the military conference held Sunday.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Times says letters received there from Vladivostok declare that a party of Russian marines landed at Vladivostok on Jan. 9 and subjected the Japanese residents to great violence. They wrecked twenty-four houses, maltreated women and inflicted wounds on aged persons and children. The rioting lasted for twenty hours. The rioters were accompanied by their officers, according to the letters from Vladivostok, and were not restrained by the Japanese authorities.

Japanese newspapers advocate the withdrawal of all Japanese from Siberia and ask what was to be done in the event of hostilities, if such things occur during peace.

ALARMING REPORTS
FROM THE FAR EAST

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 24.—Reports of an alarming nature of the situation there continue to pour out of the far East. These include the statements that the Japanese are landing an army at Ma-Sam-Pho, Korea, and that 3,000 Russian troops are crossing the Yalu river.

The reports, a dispatch of a Chinese army of soldiers, trained by European officers, beyond the Great Wall to preserve order in Manchuria have not been confirmed here, and the reports of the Japanese at Ma-Sam-Pho and the Russians at the Yalu are discredited at the Foreign Office here and by M. Kurino, the Japanese minister to Russia.

M. Hartwig, a departmental chief of the Russian Foreign Office, yesterday spoke feelingly to M. Kurino regarding the harm being done by exaggerated and utterly baseless reports.

While the Russian government understands the situation in Korea to be disturbed and, possibly, threatening, it has no information of a situation grave enough to warrant the landing of large Japanese forces there. Russia fully admits Japan's rights, under existing conventions, to land in Korea a reasonable number of soldiers to preserve order, but the landing of an army at this stage of the negotiations could not be viewed with equanimity.

M. Kurino is in no way anxious over the delay in Russia's response to the latest (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 3.)

DISCOVERY OF A PLOT
AGAINST KING PETER

Servians and Montenegrins Living Abroad Said to Be Involved in a Conspiracy.

RECENT DEMONSTRATION

VIENNA, Jan. 24.—A telegram from Belgrade reports that Servians and Montenegrins living abroad are engaged in vigorous agitation against the Karageorgevitch dynasty, and have even planned a conspiracy against King Peter. Pamphlets have been distributed in one of the Balkan states, describing King Peter as having been an active participant in the agitation against King Alexander, and making serious charges against him. While the Servian government declines to consider this movement serious, instructions have been issued to keep a sharp watch over Servian and Montenegrin emigrants. It is conjectured that this conspiracy is the work either of Montenegrins or of the sisters of the late Queen Draga.

A dispatch to the New York Journal from Samolin, which is six miles from Belgrade, says a number of drunken army officers belonging to the "murder party" recently made a demonstration in a restaurant at Belgrade against the powers, during which portraits of Emperor Francis Joseph and the czar were burned. The offending officers were court-martialed, but on a special order from King Peter the proceedings were stopped.

Foreman Fatally Hurt.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 24.—Charles Smith, section foreman on the Big Four, was struck by a freight train last night while walking over a trestle, and died from a skull fracture at his home at Logansport. His brother, Lon Smith, was injured trying to save him. Charles Smith was thrown a distance of thirty feet, striking on the stones of an embankment.



"Liza" Crossing the Ice, Closely Pursued by the "Yellow Peril."

M'LEAN PLACE BARN
AND STREET CARS BURN

Considerable Loss to the Street Railway Company at Early Hour This Morning.

TWELVE CARS DESTROYED

Shortly after 3 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the barns of the Indianapolis Street-railway Company at North Illinois street and McLean place. The flames spread rapidly, and soon the roof of the structure and several street cars were ablaze.

It could not at the time be ascertained how the fire originated. The building is largely of brick. However, considerable loss will probably result from that source.

Shortly after the fire department arrived on the scene a second alarm was turned in, and soon eight streams were being played on the burning barn and cars.

Vice President Jones of the street-car company, was soon on the ground, with other officials of the company. The cars of three lines are housed in the McLean-place barns, and the loss on these alone will be considerable. Twelve cars were destroyed.

At 3:30 o'clock the building and contents were a mass of smoke and flame, and it looked as though the loss would be almost total.

The fire got under considerable headway because of a frozen water plug, and the company's employees could not fight it with their own apparatus. Barn Foreman Black turned in the alarm when he found his force could not combat the flames.

Chief Coots thinks the fire started in one of the cars in the barn.

At 4 o'clock this morning the department had the fire practically under control. Vice President Jones said he could not estimate the loss.

British Expedition Massacred.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—The Foreign Office has received news of the massacre of a British expedition under the auspices of the East Africa Syndicate by Tarkhama tribesmen in the neighborhood of Rudolph Lake, East Africa. Several white men were murdered, but no details of the occurrence have been received.

WARDEN'S WIFE PREVENTS
ESCAPE OF PRISONERS

Drives Them Back to Their Cells with an Empty Revolver in Hand.

USED HEAVY IRON BARS

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 24.—Warden Abraham Gottwald and night watchman Samuel Beckwith, of the Montgomery county jail, were murderously assaulted to-night by two prisoners who made a desperate attempt to escape but failed. The prisoners who made the assault are Fred Bond and George Cornwallis, who are in jail on the charge of larceny. To-night Cornwallis called Beckwith to the cell, saying he believed that Bond, who occupied the same cell, was seriously ill. Beckwith summoned Warden Gottwald, who, not suspecting anything, immediately entered the cell. The instant he stepped inside, Cornwallis closed the door and both prisoners seized iron bars and pounded Beckwith, who had made a desperate attempt to help his chief.

Beckwith, who is seventy years old, was able to make but a weak defense and under a rain of blows from the iron bars sank into the floor. Cornwallis then took Beckwith's keys and revolver and the two men started for the main entrance.

Mrs. Gottwald ran into the main corridor with a revolver and met the prisoners on the way to the gate. She pointed her weapon, which was not loaded, at them, and ordered them to return to their cells, and they retreated.

The warden revived enough to reach his office and telephone for the police. Chief of Police Bodenbach soon arrived and when he told the prisoners to throw up their hands they readily did so. They were placed in separate dungeons after being stripped and placed in irons.

She Left 250 Descendants.

DENISON, Tex., Jan. 24.—Mrs. N. C. Hargis, who died in this city to-day at the age of eighty-six, was the progenitress of seventeen children, sixty-eight grandchildren and 250 great-grandchildren.

ELEPHANT MADDENED BY
FROZEN TRUNK AND EARS

Refuses to Obey Its Trainer and Starts on a Rampage, Smashing Things in General.

ALMOST KILLS KEEPER

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—Maddened by the intense cold, which had frozen its ears and trunk, an elephant belonging to an animal show which had been exhibiting at a local theater, to-day almost killed its keeper, Conrad Castens, and partially wrecked the Milwaukee freight house.

During the night the elephant suffered intensely with cold, and when an attempt was made this morning to get him into a car the animal became enraged and tore to pieces the heavy planks in the loading platform, scattering them in all directions. Castens then went to the animal's head and tried to pacify it, but the beast threw him to the ground and planted his foot upon him, crushing him in his ribs and it is believed, fatally injuring him. The brute then seized upon his keeper, and the keeper, who was thrown about promiscuously.

After laboring from 5 o'clock in the morning until 2 this afternoon, the attendants quieted the animal.

RAILROAD SERVICE
LAW TO BE TESTED

Discharged Erie Fireman Brings Action Under the Statute Providing for Rest.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WARSAW, Ind., Jan. 24.—James Barrett, superintendent of the Chicago & Erie road, and George Menish, road foreman of engineers on the same line, at Huntington, were arrested to-day in a peculiar case.

Information was filed by Edward Heeter, a locomotive fireman, discharged for insubordination, charging the officials with violating the Indiana law requiring railway employees to have eight hours' rest in every twenty-four.

Heeter avers he was kept on his engine more than sixteen consecutive hours and was obliged to go out on a run before the expiration of the eight hours rest provided by law.

Heeter was discharged and now makes this test case, the decision in which will be of importance to railway men everywhere.

BOUND AND STUPEFIED
IN A BARN ALL NIGHT

George Whistler, of Wabash, Who Says He Was Beaten and Robbed by Unknown Men.

GROANS BROUGHT HELP

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., Jan. 24.—George Whistler, son of the late John Whistler, for many years vice president of the First National Bank of this city, was found this morning in a stupefied condition in the barn of A. M. Rodinbaugh, with his hands tightly tied behind his back, and his legs bound with ropes. Whistler states that as he was going home last night he was attacked by unknown men, who robbed him of all his money, struck him on the head twice and threw him in the barn, where he lay exposed to the cold all night.

His groans this morning attracted the attention of passers-by, who went to his rescue.

PORTO RICO STORM-BOUND

Worst Gale in Thirteen Years Is Blowing Over Island.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 24.—For the past few days a high easterly gale has been blowing over Porto Rico, and the record for thirteen years for a continued blow has been broken. The wind has done much damage to the young sugar cane. The schooner Providencia is ashore at Luquillo and probably will prove a total loss. The crew of the schooner and part of her cargo were saved.

The high wind has interrupted communication by wireless telegraph between San Juan and Culebra.

Turkey Concentrating Troops.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 24.—News has been received here from the frontier that Turkey is actively engaged in concentrating troops in the Rastad and Adrianople districts.

JOSEPH HEITGER, STATE
UNIVERSITY STUDENT, IS
EXAMINED AT BEDFORD

He Is Alleged to Have Attempted to Embrace and Kiss Miss Schafer.

MAKES POSITIVE DENIAL

Says He Never Called on Dead Girl, and Has No Knowledge of the Case.

MARSHAL AT LOUISVILLE

Goes in Response to Mysterious Letter—Sheriff Investigates Paoli Suspect.

Staff Correspondence of the Journal.

BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 24.—Joseph Heitger, a member of one of Bedford's most prominent families, a senior at Indiana University, and well known socially in this little city, is the man sent from Miss Schafer's room after he had forced his attentions upon her, as related in the Chicago letter. Heitger is the man who attempted to embrace and kiss Miss Schafer, according to the stories of Eva Love and Mrs. A. V. Smith, who were told of the incident by the girl the morning following. He has been closeted with Detective Halpin and the officers have searched his room for clothes showing the slightest trace of blood, but no evidence against the young man was found in his room. They rummaged through every drawer of the dresser in his room, examined minutely every bit of clothing and made a general inspection of the Heitger home. The detectives made no pretense to disguise the fact that his examination was in connection with the murder of Sarah Schafer and this they told him.

He denies absolutely any complicity in the murder. For one solid hour the young athlete sat before the detectives subjected to a most rigid questioning. He met the queries with satisfactory answers, it is understood, although those in charge of the investigation are most secretive.

HEITGER'S EXPLANATION.

On the night of the murder young Heitger explains his whereabouts as follows:

He left the home of his father, Joseph C. Heitger, at 6:45 o'clock. He declares he arrived at the old library building on Fourteenth, between J and K streets, before any of the basketball players whom he coached arrived. He says he believes he was there a few minutes after 7 o'clock. None of the players is positive at what minute after 7 they arrived. Heitger declares he left the building some time near 8 o'clock, coming to his home at once and changing his clothes to keep an evening engagement. His story further is that he attended a leap-year party at Guthrie's in Bedford.

Heitger left Bedford to-day for Bloomington. It is not known whether or not he is under surveillance.

Heitger, Miss Love, Miss Schafer's roommate, and Mrs. Smith say, is the man whom the young school teacher accused of insulting her.

MISS LOVE'S STATEMENT.

Miss Love told her story to a Journal representative at Seymour to-day. It was corroborated by Mrs. Smith. It was this incident the night Heitger called that Miss Schafer referred to in her letter to Chicago. The letter was written to Mrs. Frank Cross, her sister, and the answer was the one that mentioned the "crack" and said: "I wish you had the strength to hurt him down." It was signed "Edna."

Miss Love to-day said that the next morning her roommate told her of Heitger's actions. Mrs. Smith, with whom Miss Schafer roomed, told tonight, for the first time, the story of the visit. Mrs. Smith returned this afternoon from Seymour, where she visited Miss Love. "Sarah told me the story of the young man the next morning," said Mrs. Smith. "She said: 'Mrs. Smith, don't you know that he tried to kiss me last night, and when I told him to stop or I would scream he simply laughed?'"

"She also said, 'Mrs. Smith, what will people in Bedford think of me if he tells the story? I begged him just as he left to say nothing, but he was angry. Anyway, you need never fix a fire for him to call again. I told him once if he did not leave I would call you.'"

Not more than twenty people in Bedford know that Heitger's name has been mentioned in connection with the crime. The general question here is, who was the man who called on Miss Schafer at the Smith home. The witnesses before the court of inquiry have been instructed not to report a word of their testimony. Heitger arrived in the city from Bloomington Saturday night and was met at the station by detectives. He went at once before Mayor Smith and told his story and was questioned. A call was made at the Heitger home to-night. The father was perfectly willing to talk and made a frank statement. His first intimation that his son was connected with the case was when the officials called him before them. Mr. Heitger said:

KENTUCKY NEGRO IS
LYNCHED BY NEGROES

He Admitted Assaulting a Woman, but Denied the Accusation of Murder.

GUTHRIE, Ky., Jan. 24.—Lewis Radford, a negro, was lynched here at 6 o'clock to-night by a mob of from thirty to forty negroes. Radford was arrested this morning accused of killing Phoebe Frozell, also a negro, last night. Radford was seen in company with the Frozell woman about 3 o'clock last night, going in the direction of the Standard Oil Company's yards at this place.

Radford confessed to having been in the yard at that time, but denied the charge of assaulting her, but denied to the last the act of killing her.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

New York Reports \$250,000 and Sour Lake, Tex., \$200,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The buildings at No. 546-548 Broadway, occupied by Mori-mura Brothers, Japanese goods, R. E. Bonar & Co., hats, and Cranford & Quigley, Rossenwar Brothers and Finkelstein & Maagel, clothing, was destroyed by fire early to-day. Estimated loss, \$250,000.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 24.—Fire to-day destroyed six blocks of frame business houses at Sour Lake and sent into the Cannon tract in the oil field, doing considerable damage. The loss is placed at \$200,000 on first estimates. The fire was placed under control with the assistance of aid summoned from Beaumont.

GENEVA, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The Wheat block here, occupied by business firms of various kinds, including the Wald Drug Company, was destroyed by fire to-day. Loss, \$75,000.

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